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PARIS ALSO PASS USCINCEUR THURSTON AND WEST.

GOVERNING MAYOR BRANDT. THIS EVENING INVITED DEPUTY COMMANDANTS  
TO CITY HALL STATING THAT HE DESIRED INFORM THEM REGARDING  
HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH BRENTANO. HE RECEIVED DEPUTIES IN PRESENCE  
MAYOR AMREHN, PRESS CHIEF HIRSCHFELD AND PROTOCOL CHIEF KLEIN.  
HE OPENED WITH A RELATIVELY BRIEF SUMMARY CONVERSATIONS WITH  
BRENTANO IN WHICH HE COVERED GROUND ALREADY REPORTED BRENTANO  
HIMSELF TO BONN EMBASSIES.

WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM AMREHN, HE THEN MADE PLAIN THAT  
WEST BERLINERS EXPECT ALLIED OCCUPYING POWERS STRONGLY  
MAINTAIN THEIR RIGHT BE IN BERLIN AS CONQUERORS SUBJECT IN  
NO SENSE TO CONTROL BY ANY GERMAN OFFICIALS OR AGENCIES  
WHATSOEVER. HE ALLUDED TO REPORTS THAT HE SAID WERE EMANATING  
FROM WASHINGTON THAT ALLIES MIGHT SUBMIT TO CONTROL BY SOVIET  
ZONE GERMAN OFFICIALS UNDER THEORY THAT SUCH PERSONS WERE  
ACTING AS AGENTS OF RUSSIANS. MOST STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY  
OTHER GERMANS PRESENT HE WAS FIRM IN ASSERTION THAT SUBMISSION  
TO ANY SUCH CONTROLS WOULD DESTROY WESTERN ALLIED POSITION  
IN BERLIN. HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT UNDER  
GUISE OF ATTACK ON ALLIED POSITION SOVIETS AND THEIR SOVIET  
ZONE GERMAN PUPPETS WERE AIMING AN ATTACK ON POLITICAL AND

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ECONOMIC FREEDOM WEST BERLIN. MAYOR BELIEVES THAT PURELY GERMAN SURFACE ACCESS TO BERLIN, WHICH IS ALREADY CONTROLLED BY SOVIET ZONE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, CAN BE REGARDED AS CONTROLLED BY THESE AUTHORITIES AS AGENTS OF RUSSIANS ONLY FOR SO LONG AS ALLIES THEMSELVES DO NOT SUBMIT TO EAST GERMAN CONTROL. HE IS CONVINCED THAT ALLIED SUBMISSION TO SUCH CONTROL, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEORY MAY BE OPENLY PRESENTED TO SAVE FACE, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ACTION AGAINST POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM OF CITY.

MAYOR SUGGESTED THAT IN CASE OF TERRITORY CONQUERED BY SEVERAL VICTORS, IF ONE VICTOR GAVE UP HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, OTHER VICTORY WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN ASSUMING THEM. HE REMARKED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IF DURING ACTUAL OCCUPATION PERIOD FRENCH HAD WITHDRAWN FROM GERMANY SAYING THEY WERE TIRED OF THE GERMANS AFTER THEIR MANY YEARS OF DIFFICULTIES, EITHER BRITISH OR AMERICANS WOULD HAVE MOVED INTO THEIR ZONE AND SECTOR. HE REALIZED THAT IN PRACTICE WESTERN ALLIES COULD NOT MOVE INTO EAST BERLIN. HE STATED HE WOULD PREFER, HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT AT RUSSIANS DENOUNCE ALL OCCUPATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN EAST BERLIN, TO HAVE SECTOR-SECTOR BOUNDARY CONVERTED INTO CHINESE WALL AND TO HAVE WESTERN ALLIES ASSERT THEIR CONTINUED OCCUPATIONAL RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN RATHER THAN TO HAVE ANYTHING DONE BY WESTERN ALLIES WHICH WOULD IN ANY WAY COMPROMISE THEIR LEGAL POSITION AS OCCUPIERS BY RIGHT OF CONQUEST IN WESTERN SECTORS OF THE CITY.

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